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With this issue the *News* begins its second year. As announced in last week's issue, the first year has more than demonstrated the fact that Bassano and district is making good and while this is so, the *News* in common with all citizens of the town and district has every reason to believe that the coming season will more than surpass the previous one in activity and progress. In consequence, we begin its second year with all the better and brighter prospects of youthful with the intention of filling its niche of usefulness in the town's welfare with the added incentives that come with age and experience.

It is a matter of profound regret that the town for Bassano was not able to secure the new Hospital which was proposed to be established here but which has been secured by the town of Brooks. There is no reason in the world why this institution should not be here. We have reasons to believe that the "gentlemen" who are promoting the enterprise favored Bassano as the logical location for it. The only reason that they located in Brooks was because that enterprise town gave more liberal inducements.

It is a matter of much regret that the town should not adopt a policy of indifference.

Such an attitude creates a lethargy and listlessness in the public spirit and is besides suicidal to the best interests of a town. For pride's sake get busy!

## IS A POPULAR PLAY

Geo. H. Travis speaking with the *News* this week, stated that the play "The Old Maid's Conviction," which is to be put on the stage here on April 21st by local talent is one of the most popular plays ever put on. The whole playgoers seem to enjoy it full of glibly spiced, and the comedy and the novelty of the entire performance makes it a feature that remains in the memory long after it is given.

Geo. H. Travis, in his home town of Midland, Ontario, the play was given twice and a petition was sent to him and signed by a large number of people requesting a third performance. The audience, however, received the play as representative, representing him, Bartle and a number of other places where it was given. Bassano people should not fail to see the play to be given here on April 21st.

THE WINTER WHEAT  
HAS NOT BEEN FROZEN

"We will have about 1600 acres in crop this season, of which about 800 are winter wheat, 800 are spring wheat and the balance in oats and flax" stated Mr. A. VanArsdale, resident manager of the Canadian Development Company in a conversation with the *News* this week. There has been a late frost, but on the hillsides spots in the wheatfields where the young plants have a yellowish brown appearance leading some to suppose that the wheat has been winter killed. Mr. VanArsdale states that he considered the plants in good appearance. In his wheat field, and that while the blades of the plant have every appearance of being dead the main stem is nice and green and the roots have a very healthy appearance. In former years he has been noticed that as soon as the previous crop had ripened these plants retained a nice healthy color and produced a good yield.

It has been said that misfortune teaches people fortitude, but as a matter of fact few of us care for fortitude.

CULTIVATING FOR  
MORE MOISTURE

Soil and water take up more space than soil alone, therefore, when moisture dries out it leaves a void. This void is represented by an infinite number of fine crevices or cracks which zig zag in every direction.

After a short time the earth comes into the surface of the earth under the magnifying glass begins to wrinkle as it dries. Next day these wrinkles begin to develop into well defined crevices which are filled with water and develop as the ground dries out. These crevices allowing the free circulation of air as far as they go, cause very rapid evaporation.

As we go deep into the subsoil away below these crevices, the evaporation is very slight.

During the drought of 1909 a piece of unbroken land and the loam of the surface layer of soil below the surface was not more than one per cent a month. This of course, is the advantage of no cultivation.

By proper cultivation we form a network of fine crevices or cracks in the soil which allows for the rapid evaporation which goes on, without forming any cracks, and not only checks and plums up the moisture already formed, but if we have a good crop of wheat one.

If you ask the question, "What is cultivation?" ninety nine out of a hundred will answer, "tilling."

By proper cultivation, "tilling" is not much of a help.

It is a matter of the soil, if we use smooth cultivation in a cloud-burst country we cannot cultivate as smooth as moisture as we can with rough cultivation, which impedes runoff, prevents and forming and causes the rills to wash in.

They are beginning to find these things out at the experimental station.

As a result of the experiments of cultivation we are told that the winter tillage is not much of a service except for winter crops, as well as in the ordinary way. The fact is that winter tillage conserves moisture and does not accomplish it. Continuous cultivation does not accomplish it. Continuous cultivation does not accomplish it.

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